

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Fujihiko TOMITA et al. Application No.: 10/564,564 Confirmation No.: 2014 Filing or 371(c) Date: June 14, 2006 Title: MICROORGANISM CULTURING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF INSERTING BAG INTO CULTURING APPARATUS	Art Unit: 4112  Examiner: D. Henkel
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement issued on August 6, 2008, Applicant elects Group I, including claims 17-27, 30, and 31, for prosecution in the present application. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant hereby reserves the right to file a Divisional Application to pursue prosecution of the non-elected claims.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

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